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north to attempt to check Villa's victorious march southward. When Villa entered the city only the thirty who were made prisoners remained to tell the tragic story of their defeat. Thursday, when the federal garrison saw that defeat was certain, they threw down their arms and took to flight.

The Italian's account of the number of dead is not relied upon here. Consul Powers of Parral, who was arrested charged with passing counterfeit money, is still under charges, but is at liberty on parole. Marion Letcher, consul here, demanded that Powers be given an immediate hearing, but Manuel Chao, military governor of the state, has not yet found time to comply owing to the press of other duties in connection with the battle of Torreon.

Gossip among local strategists as to Villa's future movements is pretty much agreed that, having rested and refitted his army, Villa will proceed simultaneously against Saltillo and Monterrey, to the east, and Zacatecas to the south. Assuming success in the exploits, it is thought that the two armies will then reunite, probably at San Luis Potosi, for the campaign against Mexico City. It is assumed that Matamoros and Tampico will be reduced by the rebel forces already threatening them.

Rebel officers here quote General Villa as opposed to any compromise with the enemy if one should be proposed. "We will be ready to dictate in Mexico City," he is quoted as saying. "There can be no compromise with the enemy. Madero compromised and his government failed through the treachery of those who did not appreciate him or took advantage of his clemency. This revolution must be the last in Mexico, and it must be thorough and conclusive. This we must accomplish by force of arms, so that in the end there will be no questioning of our orders or our laws."

**REBEL SOLDIERS  
BURNING BODIES  
OF THE FEDERALS**

TORREON, Mexico, April 3, via El Paso, Tex., April 4.—This city, from which General Refugio Velasco and most of the unfortunates of his command were yesterday, was occupied by the rebels in force today and the work of burning the bodies of the dead, clearing the streets and dead men are in the streets and plaza of the city are spattered with blood. It is impossible to estimate the number of federal dead, but inspection of public places shows that not less than 2000 suffered about. It will be a pile of the dead, but a small pile probably will be the bodies of men and animals.

Some of the dead are of the who fought against Villa and who were sent

away the wreckage of shell-shattered adobe walls, street barricades and barbed wire entanglements was begun. While Villa took a considerable number of prisoners, Velasco escaped from the canyon de Huachaco with a considerable proportion of his force. He was pursued last night by General Hernandez, who today reported that he had fought a small rear guard engagement with the retreating force, and later General Villa with reinforcements left here to make an attempt to capture or annihilate it.

Noncombatants here with whom the Associated Press correspondent talked today estimated that Velasco's garrison did not number more than 5000 men, of whom 1500 were killed or wounded.

When Velasco fled he left behind in the military hospital 200 wounded. When the rebels entered the place they found only one nurse, Dorothea de la Cruz, in attendance. She said that the other nurses followed the army when it evacuated the city.

### Wounded Were Anxious.

The patients were in a high state of anxiety, for they had been told that Villa took no prisoners. They were reassured by H. S. Cunard-Cummins, the British vice consul at Gomez Palacio, who entered the hospital first, climbing over the bodies of the wounded and had died there. The air was foul with the odor of dried blood. Speaking in clear, even tones, the British official announced that Villa had assured him that none of the injured would be harmed. At this the patients who had the strength raised themselves on their elbows from pallets on the floor and from their cots and cried feebly, "Viva Villa." The nurse was soothing a dying patient who with his last breath joined the cheering and then sank back dead.

### Foreigners Unharmed.

Three hundred and fifty Spaniards, including women and children, took refuge in a bank building under the protection of American Consul Ulmer, who remained in town throughout the battle. So far the insurgents have shown no disposition to harm those Spaniards who are known to have remained neutral. Other foreigners, including fifty-five Chinese, Syrians and Austrians and 100 Americans, were unharmed so far as could be learned today.

It was reported that General Velasco was wounded, but this report, like the one that he went insane in the trenches, could not be confirmed, and the impression prevails now that he is still at the head of his troops. Two federal generals were killed and three wounded.

It is said here that Velasco's retreat was brought about by his losses in the night assaults made by the rebels, and indications that his soldiers, worn out by the prolonged fighting and fever on of the cruelities which they were told Villa practiced on the wounded and prisoners, were on the verge of mutiny.

### Foes Become Friends.

In the course of the house to house fighting rebels and federals frequently came within talking distance of each other, and in some cases got on such friendly terms that they ceased firing entirely. In most of these cases the federals were persuaded to remain when Velasco retreated and will be enrolled under the rebel banner.

At least a fortnight and probably a longer period will be required to reorganize the army before the expected campaign against Saltillo and Monterrey can be made.

Rebel leaders are anxiously awaiting the political effect of their victory on Mexico City and Washington. The federal artillery was superior to that of the rebels, many of whose shots proved defective.

**Villa Soul of Battle.**

Villa was the very soul of the battle. His spirit animated everything. When things were going wrong he would gallop along the battle line encouraging or reprimanding as the individual case required.

"Well done," he said to the gunner whose shell had fallen true. "Men like you will redeem Mexico," he complimented a wounded man who remained in the firing line.

"What, boy, do you find the dancing floor too rough?" he chided a soldier who on some pretext was making for the rear.

Villa was in his headquarters at Gomez Palacio Thursday night when Torreon fell. Almost up to the hour of the federal flight he could not see the end of the battle, and that very morning he telegraphed for bigger cannon, for it seemed as if his artillery was inadequate to dislodge the enemy from their positions in Huachaco.

**Message to Public.**

His black, thick hair was mussed and standing straight up for the most part and a six-day stubble of beard was on his face. News of the evacuation had reached him and he smiled, fairly purring his answers to questions put by newspaper men.

Tell the public that after eleven days' fighting the federals evacuated Torreon, leaving their dead and wounded behind them. That is all," he concluded.

Stories are told here of insults to the American flag perpetrated by federals who were enraged by rumors that a large number of Americans were in Villa's army. As a matter of fact there were but nine in it. None of them was killed or wounded.

Dr. A. N. Carr, an American resident of Torreon, was the only physician on duty when the rebels took the town. He transferred his services to Villa and the latter instructed him to continue his work in the hospital.

The formal entry into the city was without ceremony. The victory has greatly raised the spirits of the soldiers who have come through a very

trying campaign and who now talk confidently of the taking of the national capital itself.

### FALL OF TORREON IS STILL DENIED AT THE CAPITAL

MEXICO CITY, April 4.—The federal government still obstinately denied today the capture of Torreon by the rebels. It was assumed in many quarters, however, that General Huerta and the ministers were not in ignorance of the facts of the case.

It was suggested that the withholding of the news from the public was based on psychological rather than on military grounds. It was said by various persons that the temperance of the Mexican populace was such that news of a disaster like the fall of Torreon might easily start an avalanche of public opinion against the administration which would find itself embarrassed at a critical moment.

The taking of Torreon gives the constitutionalists control of nearly half the republic, with the exception of the cities of Saltillo and Monterrey, the capitals of the states of Coahuila and Nuevo Leon.

Military men regard the retreat of General Velasco from Torreon as a dangerous undertaking and they consider the position of General Javier de Moya and General Joaquin Maas at San Pedro as precarious.

So far as known here the federal troops still have possession of the railroad between Torreon and Saltillo, at which place connections can be made with the south.

**Infested With Rebels.**

The rebels, however, infest the region along this main line south of Saltillo. One body of them under General Eulalio Gutierrez has its headquarters at Concepcion del Oro, the terminus of a branch line from Saltillo and within striking distance of the main line. The presence of this body and that of rebel forces in the same vicinity renders improbable an unopposed retreat of the federals toward the south.

Northward from Saltillo, toward Monterrey, little difficulty might be encountered by the federal troops, and it is not improbable that the fugitives from Torreon will make an attempt to join the federal garrison at Monterrey.

The escape of General Velasco and his men from the rebels, however, does not appear to be a simple task. Their retreat toward Durango to the southwest or to the north or east is said by military men to be impossible unless they cut their way through rebel territory.

**Flank Attacks Likely.**

The railroad which connects Torreon and Zacatecas to the south has long been out of commission and now serves only to mark the trail over which General Velasco and his troops will have to march. Before reaching Zacatecas, it is thought certain that General Velasco will encounter the rebel forces un-

# Who Redeems Them?

## THE SERIOUS QUESTION

Trading Stamp concerns have taken upon themselves to impose their obligations upon each and every merchant with whom they do business, by making those

## Merchants Advertise That They Will Redeem Their Stamps

Should these concerns change hands, or should they cease to operate, there naturally would be many thousands of their stamps in the hands of the public, and of course the merchants would have to redeem them, because they have publicly promised to do so.

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der General Pandilo Natera and will probably suffer from flanking attacks by rebel troops from Durango.

Military men not intimately connected with the federal administration express the opinion today that General Velasco's retreat will resolve itself into an effort of each man for himself. They say that the next move of the rebels will be to start campaigns against Saltillo and Monterrey and possibly subsidiary expeditions against Zacatecas, lying directly south of Torreon.

At the same time the rebel task of

attacking and capturing Tampico on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico continues under the direction of General Pablo Gonzales from his headquarters in the city of Victoria.

### Federals Cut to Pieces.

Another large quantity of small arms and machine guns, although it is not to be compared with the amount captured at Torreon, was added to the rebel supply this week when a federal force under Colonel Enriquez Perez was

cut to pieces northwest of San Luis Potosi.

The federal generals, Moya and Hidalgo, are said to have twenty or thirty field guns and a large supply of ammunition.

General Hidalgo is believed to be at Saltillo and he intends to join Moya east of Torreon. If the rebel troops captured all the guns which were in possession of General

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